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Annual Dinner Meeting

will be held this **Thursday April 14** as part of the monthly meeting.

The location is **Chicago Joe's at the Victoria Inn.**

The room will hold about 30 - 40 people and is first come first served.

The dinner menu is whatever is on the menu at Chicago Joe's so you can order anything on the menu at whatever price you are willing to pay.

Merv Lassie will be the guest speaker and will be talking about solar energy.

Dinner will start at 6pm and Merv will speak as soon as dinner is done. The general meeting will be held after that.

We have set up a 50/50 draw in lieu of prizes. The way it works is there will be 3 draws. A first prize is 50% of the total taken in. 2nd prize will be 50% of the remaining total and 3rd prize will be 50% of the remaining total. So that means if 100 dollars is collected, 1st prize would be 50 dollars. That would leave 50 dollars left over. 2nd prize is 50% of 50 dollars which is 25 dollars. That would leave 25 dollars and 3rd prize would be 50% of 25 dollars or \$12.50. The remainder will be put into the club as we do with the regular 50/50 draw.

The cost to enter the 50/50 draw will be 5 dollars.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me or Bob VE3RVA.

Thank you for your continued support

Randy

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Prez Sez

Since our last go round, we have passed through daylight saving time and the end of winter and the beginning of spring. I have seen geese flying in our area and have 2 sets of robins building nests. Safe to say that I think spring has sprung.

If you have been paying attention lately, there have been a few things that are happening in the world that have been news and note worthy. Japan seems to be at the top of the list with 2 natural disasters and a 3rd quite catastrophic manmade disaster looming on the horizon. An earthquake and tsunami striking the island that literally wiped out entire villages and left many dead and many others homeless leaves one in disbelief. With all the modern advancements and warning systems that are in place, we can akin ourselves to speed bumps in Mother Nature's way. With the nuclear plants now in very dire straits, one would think that a country that is very familiar with the wrath of nuclear energy, it would be very leery of this. It seems that we are forced to accept things in the name of progress in our energy hungry world.

Now closer to home, Manitoba is now preparing for the annual Red River flood. I have listened to the planning that is going on right now in Winnipeg and they are bracing for the flood crest. I can't imagine 40 feet of water above where the river normally runs. The biggest threat that they are facing right now is ice dams. When the river plugs, the water rises very quickly and in most cases, there is very little that they can do to save things that are not already protected. Thank goodness, someone had the foresight to design and build a floodway that protects a great deal of Winnipeg from the water of the mighty Red River.

Here we sit in the middle of the Canadian Shield with our cold and our snow and our bugs and I feel a sense of security. We may have our problems, but comparing apples and oranges, I don't mind fruit salad but I sure wouldn't want it puréed to those extents

Catch you on the airwaves

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 274 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

QRPTTF is just around the corner for those who like to operate outdoors..

Any ideas or plans?

<http://www.zianet.com/qrp/QRPTTF/ttf.html>

Fred

CIW649/VE3FAL

FREE E-MAG <http://www.worldradiomagazine.com/>

And Now for Another Point of View

As a fellow Canadian radio amateur and former ARC President, I thought you and members of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club should be aware of the recently launched CQ Canada website: <http://www.cqcanada.ca/>

Whether or not you support the views John expresses on his site, I'm hopeful it will serve as a catalyst to stimulate a national dialogue at the grass-roots level about our beloved amateur radio and our national organization. At issue here is how best to meet the collective needs, issues and concerns of our Canadian amateur radio community.

73

Doug Mein - VA3DM (RAC Member)

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

April
Minutes for the

HI-Q Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club 2011

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: March 10, 2011

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the March Hi-Q. Seconded by Doug McCormick VE3EFC. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the February's meeting's minutes as emailed. Seconded by Pat Pugh VA3PP. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)

On behalf of Norm Bell VE3XRC, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ thanked all the volunteers who worked on the Sleeping Giant Loppet this year to make the event a success.

CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ mentioned he had talked with Geoff Coulson from Environment Canada, and he reminded us that if there is a severe weather event, email or phone E.C. There is also a severe weather phone number in the phone book.

ARES

Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm. Everyone invited to check-in.

A net on VE3TBR will be set up after Karl Hamilton VE3RRP and Brad Harris VE3MXJ meet to discuss possibilities.

RAC Report Bill Unger VE3XT

Letter writing and RAC news. RAC is asking that organizations that benefit from ham radio public service, or who works in cooperation with ARES write a letter of support of an exception for ham radio from Ontario's distracted driver legislation.

Repeater News Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,

Terry Stewardson VA3LU reported that a 2nd link radio for the 10 Meter repeater is on its way to us. Upsala might be plugged in soon.

Annual Dinner Meeting:

Chicago Joe's at the Victoria Inn in April. Confirmed for Thursday April 14th 6pm

We will have Marvin Lassie who will speak on residential renewable energy as a guest speaker.

Nomination Committee volunteers

Will need to recruit people for Secretary, Treasurer, President, Editor.

New Business

Hymers Fair100 Anniversary

Bob Hansen VE3RVA and Karl Hamilton VE3RRP reported on their meeting with the Hymers Agricultural Society's board meeting and our request for funding a special call sign.

50/50 Draw: Pat Pugh VA3PP

Adjournment moved by: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Next Executive Meeting: April 7, 2010

Next LARC Meeting: April 14, 2010.

(this is a dinner meeting at Chicago Joes at the Victoria Inn)

Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club **HAM FEST!**

Sat. May 7th, 2011 *9:00am – 2:00pm*

HEAD OF THE LAKES FAIRGROUNDS – MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

4700 South Tower Ave. (Wisconsin Hwy 35) Superior, WI 54880

Fairgrounds are located next to the Superior Airport.

Admission: \$7.00 (12 & under FREE!)

Free parking for most vehicles.

Used and like new radios, supplies, equipment, and computer related items including software and hardware! Personalized Ham items also available!



This is an A.R.R.L. sanctioned event.

Talk-in on W0GKP Repeater:
146.940(-) [103.5] Duluth
147.000(-) [103.5] Mahtowa
146.940(-) [114.8] 2-Harbors

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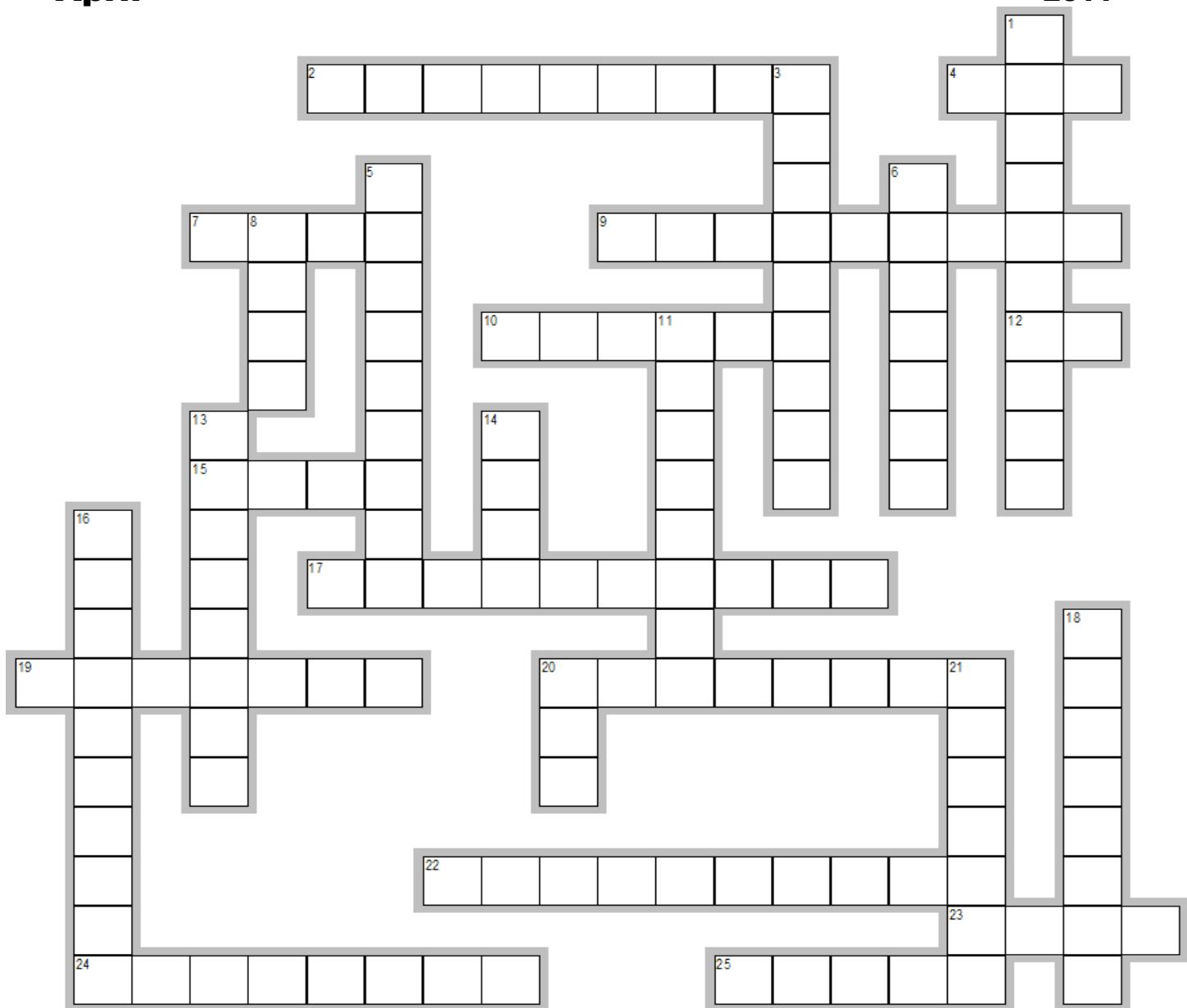
Dealer / Vendor Tables:
4 foot table: \$5.00
8 foot table: \$10.00
Vendor setup starts at: 7:00am

Testing on site!

**10:00 AM
4-H Building
Contact: Doug
AA0AW / 218-626-2590**

Robert Schulz, KC0NFB
115 Eden Lane
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218-724-6957
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Hourly Drawings!



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Across

2. melting metal to join components
4. very bad operator
7. antenna with directors and reflectors
9. two plates separated by an insulator
10. hamming on the move
12. under 30 mhz
15. American ham organization
17. operating from a very remote place
19. the hardest part is getting this up high
20. antenna that is straight up and down
22. radio with pictures
23. gets your signal from the radio to the antenna
24. colour banded component sometimes made of carbon
25. the original digital code sent with a key

Down

1. the part you talk into
3. the frequency of your microwave oven would be measured in these
5. manufacturer of code keys and bugs
6. the new modes are mostly this, 1's and 0's
8. location reporting by packet
11. a coil
13. radio that fits in your pocket
14. better than wet string for making antennas
16. solid state device developed by Bell labs in the 40's
18. contest event held during the last weekend in June
20. 30 to 300 mhz
21. government document giving you the ok

North East Ontario Regional Directors for Report April, 2011



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on March 24, adjourned and then restarted on March 31, 2011. One item on the agenda was a briefing note from the Vice President of Field Services outlining a proposed new structure for Field Services allowing for the development of a modern and more effective field organization structure. A copy of this is available at <http://www.rac.ca/en/news/bulletins/2011/8/>

On April 7th I had the pleasure of meeting our new Honourary Legal Council, Marcel Mongeon, VA3DDD who was in Thunder Bay on business. I would like to thank him for stepping up to bat for RAC and ensuring we do all our business “according to Hoyle”. He brings a vast amount of experience to RAC as our HLC.

The other topic I want to mention again is the Distracted Driving Legislation here in Ontario. We have until January 2013 to obtain an exemption for Amateurs. A small committee has been formed to work collectively on this issue. You will hear more about this shortly.

I am still hoping that each of you who participates in any public service events or Emergency Preparedness to contact the sponsors or organizers and ask for a letter of support addressed to Kathleen Wynne, the Minister of Transportation. If you send me a copy I will group them together with all the other letters and forward them to her. I for one find it difficult to ask for favours but when I have approached local organizers they were very supportive and pleased to supply the letters.

We need letters of support from across the Province to make our point that Amateurs play a vital role in the events throughout Ontario and, in the event of an emergency we are capable of providing back up to the existing infrastructure.

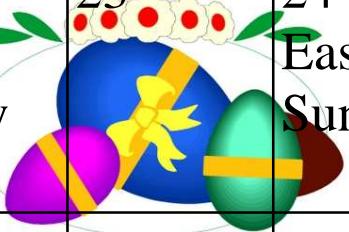
Also remember there are Amateur Radio events coming up in Smiths Falls on May 14th, go to the RAC web pages or ve3rlr@yahoo.ca for further information. The Ontario QSO Party is on April 16th and 17th. Check out the Contest Club of Ontario at <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/index.htm> for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario
Regional Director



April 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	VHF ARES NET 7 pm			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 LARC Dinner 6 pm Chicago Joe's Victoria Inn	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Good Friday	23  A graphic featuring several Easter eggs in various colors (blue, green, pink) decorated with yellow bows and red flowers, arranged in a cluster.	24 Easter Sunday
25	26	27	28	29  A graphic with the words "Happy Easter" in green, overlaid on a background of Easter eggs and flowers.	30	

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club**Treasurer's Report**

Balance on Hand - March 3rd, 2011	\$4,414.10
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Income

Interest	\$0.62
50/50 Draws	\$6.00
Memberships	\$0.00

Total Income	\$6.62
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Expenses

Thunder Bay Telephone	\$48.53
Bank Charges	\$0.50
Link Radio & Shipping Charges	\$51.66
Meeting Expenses	\$9.15
Confederation College - Classroom rental 2010	\$69.30
Confederation College - Classroom rental 2011	\$84.75

Total Expenses	\$263.89
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*Term Account (For Higher Interest) \$3,000.00

Balance on Hand - April 7, 2011	\$4,156.83
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Trailer Account

Previous Balance	\$1,157.31
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Income

Interest	\$0.09
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Expenses

\$0.00

Balance in Trailer Account	\$1,157.40
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Joe Coghlan - VE3 TBX

Treasurer